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**Introduced by Senator Sher**

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An act to amend Section 40000 of the Public Resources Code, relating to solid waste.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 287, as introduced, Sher. Solid waste.

Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, establishes an integrated waste management program administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Under existing law, the act requires each city, county, city and county, and regional agency, if any, to develop a source reduction and recycling element of an integrated waste management plan containing specified components.

This bill would revise a statement of legislative intent regarding the act.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 40000 of the Public Resources Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 40000. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of the  
4 following:

5 (a) ~~In 1988, Californians disposed of over 38 million tons of~~  
6 ~~solid waste, an amount which is expected to grow if existing solid~~  
7 ~~waste policies are continued. This amounts to more than 1,500~~  
8 ~~pounds of waste per person living in the state, more than any other~~



1 ~~state in the country and over twice the per-capita rate of most other~~  
2 ~~industrialized counties.~~

3 ~~(b) Over 90 percent of California's solid waste currently is~~  
4 ~~disposed of in landfills, some of which pose a threat to~~  
5 ~~groundwater, air quality, and public health.~~

6 ~~(c) While California will exhaust most of its remaining landfill~~  
7 ~~space by the mid-1990's, there presently is no coherent state policy~~  
8 ~~to ensure that the state's solid waste is managed in an effective and~~  
9 ~~environmentally sound manner for the remainder of the 20th~~  
10 ~~century and beyond.~~

11 ~~(d) The amount of solid waste generated in the state coupled~~  
12 ~~with diminishing landfill space and potential adverse~~  
13 ~~environmental impacts from landfilling constitutes an urgent need~~  
14 ~~for state and local agencies to enact and implement an aggressive~~  
15 ~~new integrated waste management program.~~

16 ~~(e) —~~

17 ~~(b) The reduction, recycling, or reuse of solid waste generated~~  
18 ~~in the state will, in addition to preserving landfill capacity in~~  
19 ~~California, serve to conserve water, energy, and other natural~~  
20 ~~resources within this state, and to protect the state's environment.~~

